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One Thanksgiving Day Sermon.

A remarkable sermon preached erday by Bishop Russell of St. ace of Government officials, the Pan-American diplomatic corps and a distinguished body of prelates includ-Dansage:

"While the power of the Government depends on the choice of the people, the authority of the Government is derived from Gop, the Author of Society, Hence, Governments are acting by Gop's own authority when they legislate to preserve the social order, or when they arm their citizens for defence against unjust aggression. This is what the Apostle means when he says There is no power but from Gop; and those that are, are ordained of Gop.' This is what the Catholic Church understands and has always understood by the much abused and much misunderstood so salled Divine Right of Kings.' The President and Congress of the United

It will be observed that this recognition of the divine warrant underbing constituted authority has nothing in common with the Kaiser's faworlte declaration. Bishop Russell merely expands from the theological point of view the familiar phrase "Vox populi vox Dei." Autocracy asserts in the person of WILHELM, that "Gop bas-called me to this throng and consequently the people owe me allegiance.

States rule by this divine right"

Perhaps even a more generally in teresting feature of Bishop Russell's ermon is his announcement that "at least one-third of the American Army and Navy is made up of Catholics, yet we are only one-sixth of the whole population."

This is striking testimony not only to the patriotism but also to the physof the attendants yesterday, is the hend in America.

Home Letters From the Front.

The home letters from "Our Boys Oversens" which THE EVENING SUN are impelled to use the much worked written at the front which we have seen in print reveals more lovable human qualities. And fun, too; lots of it; a touch of tragedy now and then, but that is always a touch lightly laid on; sometimes a boylsh confession of homesickness not consciously made. Most of all the zest of adventure-you must read between the lines to find that-pride in doing nearly always bubbling joy to be in and a part of a great adventure.

"I certainly cannot be more fortunate than I am now," one writes, and then, to prove his good fortune, he gives in all sincerity the items of a day's work which keep him busy only sixteen and a half hours out of the twenty-four, and exclaims, "Can you beat that? Absolutely all the rest we want, and comfort too!"

This lad had been kept in stupid old Paris for weeks, "and as we confinued to stay there our spirits continued to go down until one day we were told that we had an bour to catch our train. Of course we scooted to our hotels and packed up and made our train all right." Never did an honest soul leave Paris with less regret, with more delight.

At this station he finds "nearly all college men, the finest type of boys." They have Italian machines, and "I cannot describe how wonderful it is to go up in one of these affairs. Things look so tiny and funny." Bless the boy! Doubtless some of the funny things were shooting at him at the time.

One whose letter is published was hit by a shot from one of the funny things, but he makes light of it in his letter to his "Dear Folks." Indeed. it was a piece of good fortune in a way. "I had about ten days rest on account of the wound and I enjoyed loan. But CHAMP CLARK did not the vacation, as I had had plenty of ask to be shown before making his Bying to do just before, on account false and incredibly foolish accusaof the good weather, which meant tion against New York and its enty of photographing over the bankers. lines. My hand is quite well now." The Speaker of the House of Rep-But "I had to be inoculated for tet- resentatives might have looked at anus, as shrapnel is likely to cause New York's response to the first men in this country. Under the cir-

lockjaw. But everything is all right Liberty loan and waited to be cumstances that exist to-day, what now, so don't worry about me." He wears a decoration, but to tell in the second.

about it when the war is over and . we have nothing else to do."

We seem to see him suddenly frightened at the thought that even his modest message might sound like boasting, so he hastens to add, "Do not get the idea that your Sonny is out here winning the war on his own hook. I am only doing my bit." The bit is a great game: "We are having some fine scraps lately, and I think the life in the air is about the best game I have struck so far." The way he is playing the game one feelshe does not say so-is earning him a trip to London. "My flight commander said to me to-day that he ex-

pected to lose me soon, as I was going to be sent to Blighty." He has a boyish joke at his per

sonal appearance. "When I get to Blighty I shall have my photo taken in it [Flying Corps uniform], and I thoughtless and uninformed persons shall send it to you. I hope the censor will let it through."

He has written a long letter to the "Dear Folks" and it has brought into his mind a picture of the home fireside on the approaching holiday, and Patrick's Church in Washington, in the a touch of homesickness gently stirs his manly young heart. "Don't forget me, suspended 17,000 feet in the air, when you are carving the Thanksing Cardinal Gissons, contained this giving turkey." Boylike, he fears that he has been betrayed into a bit of sentiment, so he closes briskly: "Don't worry about me. I'm all right. Keep smiling."

These are home letters from American youths not renowned for academic honors, most of them fresh from college athletic fields. We guess few of them ever gave deep thought to lectures on literary style. But are any of the authors with famous names making such interesting reading about the war?

Advent of a Man to a Park.

The new gentleman topping the fountain in City Hall Park, whose stance and failure to keep his eye on the ball have occasioned some worriment among the golf professionals whose business takes them to the bankruptcy court in the Federal Building, stands clearly revealed. Lest we be accused of ambiguity, the last thing of which the visitor himself is guilty. we hasten to add that the revelation is not of personal nature but concerns the man's purpose.

He is there to symbolise Civic Vin tue, just as the more comfortably clad lady on the summit of the Municipal Building pauses on tiptoe to comme orate Civic Fame.

Civic Fame is attractive. Gilding her was like painting the lily. Far above Chambers street she shines resplendent. Civic Virtue, who is represented as unmasking a siren and shouldering arms, cannot in the nature of things be so agreeable. He has an unpleasant task to perform, ical fitness for service of the young namely, to take a bath in the basic Americans belonging to the Church of | made and provided for urchins in which JAMES Cardinal GIBBONS, one summer time and hardly large enough for him to submerge comfortably in. Perhaps the sculptor will relent and place him under a shower, with com-

bination faucet. Civic Fame is flattered by an occasional admiring glance from people is guthering and publishing are—we with adjustable necks; but we foresee few glances for her cousin in the phrase—human documents. Nothing park. Civic Virtue will have to be his

An Inadequate Penalty for Charity

Swindlers. The municipal ordinance giving con trol to the Bureau of Licenses over all charity entertainments conducted by associations other than duly incorporated religious or fraternal organizations provides a fine of \$250 or a man's work successfully. And imprisonment for six months for per-

sons who violate its terms. The maximum fine is preposterously for the Republican party politically. inadequate. The town knows that the Mr. Mann being out of the way there takings of professional promoters of swindling charities run into thousands of dollars. The imposition of a fine of \$250 might render the business unprofitable for the little fellows, but the operators on a large scale could afford to pay it out of their accumulations, and they would scarcely notice the loss.

Imprisonment is another matter. Even six months in jail would not be relished by the swindlers who fatten on the generosity of liberal men and women, although because of the pecu- were detected in their attempt they liarly mean nature of their offence would be interned along with they deserve a much longer term.

We hope that no violators of this ordinance will be fined, but that all of them will be sent to cells for the longest possible term, and that the Legislature on convening will pass a law promptly under which adequate punishment can be inflicted on these contemptible frauds.

The Hon. Champ Clark Gets a Public Demonstration.

CHAMP CLARK, being from Missouri, might have asked to be shown before believing that New York was not doing its share in tion or malice have been a serious subscribing to the second Liberty annoyance for years, and the widest

shown what New York was doing

how he won it is too great a strain On the magnanimous supposition on his modesty. He just wants the that Mr. CLARK wants to be shown, tolks to know that he has got it. Mr. BENJAMIN STRONG, governor of "Am pleased to tell you that I have the New York Federal Reserve Bank, won the Military Medal for-well, has proceeded to demonstrate the you know what these things are given rôle New York has played in supfor." He stops to bite the end of plying the sinews of war. It is lils pencil, thinking that mother, or magnificent rôle and it lends itself dad, anyway, might like to know just without exaggeration or straining to how Sonny won that medal, so he a magnificent demonstration, which generously adds, "I will tell you all Mr. STRONG has embodied in a letter calculated to pierce even Mr. CLARK's

> consciousness "I'm from Missouri, you'll have t show me" will lose all its point if the Hon. CHAMP CLARK continues long enough in public life.

The Loyalty of the District Super-

It may be asserted by short sighted persons that the unequivocal declara tion of loyalty signed by twenty-four district superintendents of the public schools of this city which we print conspicuously to-day elsewhere on this page is unnecessary and supererogatory.

We do not so regard it. Through the gross misconduct of a few individuals in the employ of the Board of Education an impression here and elsewhere that disloyalty is common in the public school system This belief is being sedulously cultivated in this country and abroad by paid agents of the Imperial German Government, by anarchists and by other enemies of America and of all covernment. The purposes animating the foes who circulate this baseless report may differ, but their objects are the same: to destroy our national unity, bring disaster on our soldiers and sailors, and to deliver this nation

and the world to a catastrophic Ger

man victory. They are the unquali-

fied opponents of democratic institu-

tions, the servile tools of relentless autocracy. It is the immediate obligation of every patriotic citizen to combat these creatures of darkness with every weapon at hand. If their lies indicate the desirability of formal declarations of loyalty by men whose good disposition is beyond question those declarations should be promptly forthcoming. The agencies of pub licity they use should be utilized for their exposure. Their infamy must be made plain, that their efforts to undo America shall be frustrated. When they exploit treason, constancy must answer them, that their power for evil may not accomplish even little of their diabolical purpose-The district superintendents of New York have done well to issue

time when sedition proclaims itself in act and deed true and valiant Americanism should not be silent.

Camp Upton's Character. Nobody living in the vicinity of Camp Upton has any doubts as to the character of that camp.

It is excellent. It is so excellent that resident scandalmongers have been without material for their tongues for months. By the time BELL's boys finish training the malice even have atrophied.

Camp Upton is a clean camp in a clean country.

The revelations of General BELL of efforts to give the camp a bad name live about the camp bitter indignation. A man guilty of such attempts to besmirch the good name of the National Army would have short shrift at the hands of the Upton neighborhood.

Yesterday turkey in America received more attention than even Turkey in Europe.

Germans and Bolsheviki will parley on Sunday.—Newspaper headline. Trying to redeem the betrayal by the nature of the day.

Running the minority in the House of Representatives by syndicated leadership will have one picturesque feature even if it will not be a good thing be nobody left on the west side of the main alsle who can stop the Hon. J. HAMPTON MOORE of Pennsylvania from making as many and as long speeches as he wishes. As no one on the east side of the alsle has ever been able to dam the floods of J. Hampron's oratory, and as undammed his talk will naturally flow on forever, the result will be a session of Congress in which one member will introduce, consider in committee, report upon and debate all House legislation.

Perhaps the anarchists who plotted to seize foodstuffs figured that if they allens to whom meatless and wheatless days are unknown.

It will afford us no relief from a fuel famine to get hot under the

The Socialists of Budapest proclaim that "democracy must employ all means to end the war"; and true democracy in all parts of the globe oing the best it can to make their

How many times have the authori-

ties of various churches denounced "prayer chains"? These disturbing manifestations of credulity, superstito them. Cardinal Gasparai, the Papal Secretary of State, has now been moved to declare that "a chain of prayer has always been reprobated by the Holy See," thus giving the intorsement of his office to the denunciation of this form of appeal that has often been uttered by Catholic clergy-

was a nulsance of superstition has become a menace to the welfare of Christianity, and the energy of those who strive to stamp it out must be

Leaves \$15,000 a year for wives of Providents.—Novepaper Acadime.

No doubt the First Ladies will find good uses for the money.

The formal salutation in Russia is

GARIBALDI cure of victory.—News from

The GARIBALOI New York knew performed marvels with a handful of de-voted followers; the Gammator of to-day may add new fame to the name.

NEW TAXES TO-MORROW.

The last of the war taxes imposed by

stamps on bonds or other certificates of indebtedness except Government, State, city and county bonds; on capi-tal stock issued, sold or transferred; on indemnity and surety bonds; on drafts or checks not payable at sight or on demand; on custom house entries of merchandise: on steamship tickets to any point not in the United States, Canada or Mexico, including round trip tickets; on powers of attorney except for use in Government all bills or agreements of sale and all sales of produce or merchandise on exchanges or boards of trade, except ales for immediate delivery; and on proxies, except for use in religious ducational, charitable, fraternal or literary societies, or public cemetery

This tiresome enumeration related itself in no way to the ordinary activities of the ordinary citizen. there is a tax or two which he will

Beginning to-morrow every parcel ost package costing 25 cents to send must pay a war tax. This amounts o one cent on a 25 cent package and a cent more for every additional 25 cents or fraction thereof. Also a war tax of two cents mus

paid on every promissory note of \$100 or less. If the note is for more han \$100 two cents more must be paid for every additional \$100 or fraction thereof. Renewals count as new notes. It may be bothersome to get the revenue stamps at first, but the Government has promised to put them on sale soon at the post offices. In the meantime let us all take the neces-sary trouble to get the stamps, affix them and cancel them properly. Cancellation consists in writing your name and the date on the face of the stamp. Your initials will do. The penalty for leaving off the stamp or falling to cancel it is a fine of not exceeding \$100 for each offence.

LOYALTY OF THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

A Declaration of Patriotism their declaration of loyalty. At a To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: We the undersigned, District Superintendents of the Public Schools of the City of New York, pledge unqualified loyalty o the United States in its war with

he Imperial Government of Germany. We believe that the principles proclaimed by the President and Congress in this crisis of our nation's ife should guide us in training the youth of our country for patriotic itizenship.

We take this opportunity to repudiate the words and actions of any dispublic schools We consider their connection with

time when thousands of young Americans are leaving their homes to die f need be, for their country, the have aroused among the people who loyalty in our schools would be a fiagrant abuse of freedom of speech. Furthermore, we believe that any

teacher who is not a positive force in inculcating Americanism should not be permitted to remain in our schools. WILLIAM J. O'SHEA, WILLIAM A. BOYLAN, ARTHUR C. PERRY, JR., JOHN CONROY, (Mrs.) RUTH G. McGRAY. JOHN S. ROBERTS, EDWARD W. STITT, WILLIAM O'FLAHERTY, JAMES LEE, ED-AR DUBS SHIMER, JAMES J. McCABE, TOHN T. NICHOLSON, JOSEPH H. WADE RETNOLDS, (Mrs.) GRACE C. FORSTTHE HENRY W. JAMESON, HENRY IL JEN KINS, JOSEPH S. TAYLOR, JAMES M. ED SALL, CORNELIUS E. FRANKLIN, BENJA MIN VEIT, CHARLES W. LYON.

BUT IS IT A PERIL?

New York, November 28.

The Chop Sucy Palace Makes Nary Cover Charge.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: Suc f your contemporaries as bellow abou the se-called "yellow peril" have looked an slarming development that has come. Close observation reveals a decedence verging on extinction among the race of Chinese laundrymen and a remarkable increase in the number of Oriental res-

This phenomenon is explained by the American monopoly of the business of stiffening wilted Bosoms and edging limp collars, and doing it by sanitary methods. To recoup, Wong Lee perceived in the dull sameness of our restaurant menus the opportunity he sought, and we see chop sucy dispensaries patronized o suffocation by persons who are weary f tame American cuisine.

On Chinese laundrymen the sun sets while of the Oriental restaurateur the day is dawning-and threatening to collpse the brilliancy of our own caterers Here is a real yellow peril. M. B. J. NEW YORK, November 29.

. A Certainty.

ave the will to endure.

William to endure. Toyo Made In Germany. Before the days of sword and gun They made the toys of childhood's hear and handed down from sire to son The quaint, glad art. and still they make their toys to-day, Poor stolld figures, dull of eye,

Knicker-The Kaiser says Germans must

ocker-Well, they certainly have the

And send them forth all trimmed in Our land, too, sees their fashioning.
The pacificis that squesk and prance, And when the Kalser pulls the string

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-

BOWERY ECHOES Old Boys Hear Music in the Corridor of Time.

letters, on the Old Bowery are to me esemingly but of yesterday, when going nory, of the Old Bowery stage and Bert, James Wallack, Jr., Dunn, Jack rs, Lester Wallack, John Gil-(Jack . Winans's stapdaughters), Boss now, "Good morning! Have you used from Hamblin, the fearful stage mana-your revolution yet?" ger, Stevens, has been freshened. I had the pleasure of entertainplays, for I was a "performer" in them, a stagestruck enthusiast wearing the same "soger" clothes, but oh, how dif-ferent! Lester Wallack in the character Fate has seen fit to make Liberty farent! Lester Wallack in the character look to the Cossacks as her hope in of D'Ariagnan in The Three Guarde-

> cuirass, while mine was black glazed drama. Any Old Bowery boy can tell how much my salary was, but I was ambitious and would have served for love. Gouldston, the chief, told me if I would stay on he would have me promoted to the grand position of what was called the "Boot Jacks." gentlemen in waiting in grand costumes, "salary \$\$\$\$ a week"; but my parents said, "What! Be an eator? Never!" It had to be cut out, and Vice Contrasted." And here again in the stress imposed by war conditions mit the stress imposed by war conditions mand the drain upon the nation's manhood. Even so, the fact remains and stares us in the face with hard unbfinking eyes that in this vast expanding industry of that in this vast expanding industry of ours we have practically no trained engineers and skilled draughtamen; but that in this vast expanding industry of ours we have practically no trained engineers. Worse still, we are making no gineers. Worse still, we are making no provision for training them. The result is that not only is the unmitakable touch of the trained engineer painfully absent from many a machine that now enjoys a worldwide reputation, but that in the future the aircraft industry will have a sound business inmand the drain upon the nation's manhood. Even so, the fact remains and stares us in the face with hard unbfinking eyes that in this vast expanding industry of that in this are now well supplied with enspectage. get even one pistareen, not one peso, not land's nor Brown's history. In the play one maraveda, of the money she had Miss Denvil was cast for Frailty, a

great fortune. Alas!
What fun we had on the stage some-

street near Division, almost opposite hodies straineds to the utmost as the gramme was given. Miss Denvil did Square hill at all hours of the night. metimes we would have only three or four "bunkers," and that would be all the muscle we would have to drag our machines as far, sometimes, as Cedar, Water or maybe Beaver street. Good lungs and muscles were needed and found in those days, you bet!

were of Oceanus Hose 36. Peter and Never Speak as We Pans By." Jack Cornwell of Hook and Ladder 4. Bill Haydock, the gallant Quaker fire- elsewhere in this country, and I don' man of No. 42 Engine? John Decker believe they have been on the Bowery of No. 14 Engine? George Mountjoye, since I was a small boy, and that was his admirable hot cakes, there to be great popularity during the Columbian men a new conception of what techni-warmed and fed? And then home for Exposition. Another song popular at cal education means. A new era is

Who is left to recall the time when on the Old Bowery stage, Jack Winans heard that some dude had sent a love letter to one of his stendaughters, and instigated the boys to lure the lover on the stage, where we tossed him in How recalling these memories restores my youthful days and those of loyal or seditious members of the my age and the men I knew—in the teaching and supervising staffs of the National Guard, paying for our uniour musket cleaners, &c. That stock our school system a menace to the furnished many volunteer officers for the ivil war.

> Charley White Minetrels, with Master which covered but a few feet. of negro minstrelsy. Who can recall for the villages of Yorkville and Harwhich he kept next the Bowery Theatre, after conquering the champion, Yankee Pastor's on the Bowery. Sullivan? Who was an attendant at the quaint old hostelry of Johnny Mc-

far as the famous Vauxhall Gardens, very active in theatricals. the nightly resort for young folks, opposite the "Forks" of the Bowery, back names come to mind! Josh Whitcomb Celestisis that they have been blind to of the (later) Astor Library grounds.

Let me hear from some contemporary W. McAndrews used to play "The Old of those days that will recall the doings Watermelon Man."

When the street I was born in was Tony Pastor himself was a fair singer, lighted by whale oil lamps and the only and he used to ask the gallery boys to drinking water we had was brought join in the chorus of "Down in a Coal rom the pumps at the corners, and Mine." "The East Side of Town," "Whos, New York city, east of Second avenue, Emma" and other ditties. Tony moved ended at Houston street.

OLD EAST BROADWAY. Naw York, November 28.

Oyster Ples for Bowery Boys. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Have

all forgotten the Oyster Pie Man who skit. stood facing the pit entrance on the north side of the Bowery Theatre? His baske was made of heavy tin with tin covers and with two compartments. One compartment held the pies, the other the sauce poured over them when a sale nurse in the United States Army hospitals and two cents. The one cent pie contained one oyster and the more expensive pie two cysters.

| Australian | Canadian | Canadia

tough, owing to a lack of shortening, ant in the Medical Reserve Corps atbut the hot sauce made up for those tached to a hospital in another camp. slight defects and was reliahed. The also in a Southern State, a short time bitant price. sauce was kept piping hot by a lamp ago wrote to the people in his home underneath a tin shelf inside the bas- town and requested them to send down times and you will find out why the ket, burning either camphene or burn- some hot water bottles, as they had not scalpers exist. Were it not for these ing fluid. There was no kerosene in sufficient bed clothing to keep the sick people who must see a particular show those days and a whale oil lamp would soldiers warm. have made the sauce unpalatable. As the theatre intermissions were many the Without wishing to find fault or criti-Oyster Pie Man did a brisk trade be-

The average bill of the Old Bowery usually consisted of two two act meloiramas, a dance, always a pas seul, by Miss Gertrude Dawes, between the plays,

performance or quite close to that hour Of course most of the ple man's patron age came from the youngeters of the pit and the galleries, for the big copper holes in them. The pie man at last

disappeared; what became of him Gertrude Dawes was the American I knew all of the above artists and the lowed by Miss Hathaway in the second Aeronautics. In an article which plays, for I was a "performer" in them, and Mrs. Yeomans, later Mrs. Charles doubtless represents the best British a stagestruck enthusiast wearing the Edmunds, in the closing act. This permen" wore a gorgeous black enamelled

actor? Never!" It had to be cut out, and Vice Contrasted." And here again in the future the aircraft industry will as my mother told me I should never the play is not of record, neither in Ireget even one pistareen, not one peso, not land's nor Brown's history. In the play existence may be jeoparded, by the lack of the money she had. Miss Denvil was cast for Praility, a maraveda, of the money she had Miss Denvil was cast for Prailty, a laid away in the Bowery Savings Bank dancing part, without lines, only businates I quit. Parhaps to-day I might ness. She entered on the scene, unless I quit. Perhaps to-day I might ness. She entered on the scene, have reached the grade of a star, with a pirouetting gracefully while pouring wine from a golden ewer into a gold goblet, and so interested in her part mes, as when in the "Glance at New that she forgot her closeness to the gas York," with Frank Chanfrau, we were footlights, and in a moment her gausy to attack the rival engine company and dancing skirts, worn much longer then upset-its engine on the big stage. Old than now, were ablase. Men shouted and Fifteen always came out ahead! That women fainted, the house was in an upwas allowed to be the only arrangement roar. The two characters on the scen possible. There were some really good up stage, Mephistophies and another, punches given and received, you had together with the scene chifters, ran better believe! How I wish I could to her assistance. The men and boys in give and take such punches to-day! Are the pit climbed the orchestra rail to try manufacturers bar access to their stoop and lift each blank about three all those fine fellows dead? Can't 1 to aid her and the curtain came down hurriedly. The play ended with the In-1852 I was representative for Ful- terrible accident. I cannot recall, owing ton. Hose Company 15, in Eldridge to the confusion, whether or not any and the training of boys and apprentices the house, of Hook and Ladder 4: to Miss Denvil's injuries. After a wait, and what races there used to be, our liowever, the remainder of the pro- left for theoretical study. Some mantwo apparatuses, starting at the same die in the theatre from her burns, but moment, tore down the steep Chatham they were the cause of her death shortly afterward. DANIEL KELLEY. NEW YORK, November 28.

Bustle, Greelan Bend and Hoopskirt Take Us Back to the '60s.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: ound in those days, you bet! "Old Timer" says he is able to remember Is any one alive who was at the fata! back to the time when hoopskirts were Jennings fire? Are any alive of the "the rage" on the Bowery, but I am insturdy Waydell boys? Alonzo Slote is clined to believe that his memory is gone, alas! The Messrs. Watkins of No. at fault when he asserts that "this was 3 . Engine? The Waydells and Slote shortly before the time of the song 'We

Hoopskirts have not been "the rage Howard and Mount of No. 14 Hose? in the late '60s. The song I have in mind Where are you all? Recall the nights was written by Charles K. Harris and when, after fires, we would repair to became popular in 1893. I recall that Hen Weakley's coffee and cake sulcon. I heard it for the first time in May of became popular in 1893. I recall that much less. next the Bowery Theatre, and there enjoy that year in Chicago, where it gained changed. The war has taught business dry clothes and to prepare for getting the same time was "The Cat Came being born, an era in which it is clear out to our morning labors as plain Back." That was twenty-odd years after that greater and more strenuous work

SCHENECTADY, November 28. Calling the Roll at Tony Pastor's.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SEC. The the old time jig dancer of Tony Pastor's Theatre on the Bowery, was a dead long since.

Kitty O'Neill was what was know in the old variety days as a straight Who remembers attending the Circus Jig dancer. She used to step from the and Amphitheatre on the east side of the Bowery nearly opposite Pell street, runting through to Claygale street? Or the her efforts within the limited sand sone.

This was forty-five years ago and Admission, ten cents, including drink or Kitty is still with us. She was a shapely and beautiful young girl, and was subthe old stage office and yard in the same Powers & Kerns, saloon keepers of sequently married to Ned Powers of Prince and Crosby streets, whose pince em? Also Tom Hyer's Branch Hotel, town, as Frank Kern, one of the partwas a resort for every variety actor in ners, played with Johnny Wild in Tony

A word about the other players of Grath in Division street near Chrystie, are dead and gone, as are Hen Mason, where the famous "free and easys" Scanion and Cronin, Jimmy Bradley l'astor's Bowery house. Kern and Wild are dead and gone, as are Hen Mason, ere nightly held? Around long tables Harrigan and Hart, Sam Devere, Billy ent the guests, with bread and cheese Carter, Schoolcroft and Coes, Delehanty and mugs of old ale, and each person and Hengler, Jennie Engle, the Garenhad to sing a song or tell a story on floe sisters. Iona Long, Jennie Morgan, the call of the president at the head Gus Williams, Johnny Allen, Lester and of the table or the vice-chairman at its Allen, Larry Tooley, and all the rest save a very few. May and Flora Irwir In the days I write about the houses are still living and playing, but Adah n the Bowery above Grand street were Richmond, Master Martin of the orignostly private residences upstairs, inal. "Big Four," Dave Conroy of Constores in many cases below; this up as roy and Daly, sithough living, are not

What memories arise when these used to do a "farmer turn" and old J.

over to Broadway opposite Niblo's Garden in 1875, and it was there that I saw Nat Goodwin, a young stripling from Boston, make his New York debut in a sketch called "Jerry Clip, the Barber," Nat being the sole actor in the

THE BRONK, November 28.

A Shortage of Hot Water Bottles. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1

Is not this news rather discouraging?

there were less money spent on litho-graphed sheets there might be more leech his price. | between New York and Albany at \$1 there were less money spent on lithomoney to buy muslin sheets.

PRESCOTT R. LOVELAND. RIDGEWOOD, N. J., November 28,

a farce and a pantomime-a 18 o'clock GREAT BRITAIN ALARMED BY LACK OF ENGINEERS.

Organization of Training and Apprenticeship Urged as a Means Supplying the Necessary Men.

Great alarm is felt in England at | volve expense or time; but none the clever young actress as well. My first the discovery that the country is in less it may bring to light merits and recollection of her was in "Jack Shep- need of engineers," and also of aprecollection of her was in "Jack Sheppard," a special bill or perhaps a benefit
to one of the company, as each act of have published numerous articles on sives the young engineer an advanto one of the company, as each act of have published numerous articles on tage in the construction of bridges the play had a new Jack, played by the the facts which the war has distage in the construction of bridges the play had a new Jack, played by the company of the compan ing in camp during the civil war three prominent actresses of the comone of the Misses Denin and recalled to her memory many joily events. Well do

able one, as Jack belongs to the leading man, although many actresses have been the Jack in the first act of the gineers. Let us take the aircraft indusdrama.

Another item of interest about the one of the stress imposed by war conditions and the drain upon the nation's manhood.

Old Bowary, fergotten it seems, as no

are various. In England boys are not sufficiently encouraged to enter the strained position for hours chipping a engineering profession. For the initi- heavy casing will get through much ate or novice there are many obstacles less work than if his foreman had the which meet him at the threshold. The thoughtfulness to see that the casing fees that pupils must pay at the fac- was placed where it could be con industry. Youths who wish to learn aeronautics from the beginning by workshop practice are usually obliged to pay the costs with which unwise to pay the costs with the costs wi plants. It is even stated that ama- feet. An adequate staff instructed to tours now run many engineering inof work are so long that no time is ufacturers dislike and ridicule theoretical study, not having learned that invention and the finding of improve-ments often are reached in this way. They might learn from the example of Edison, whose achievements are ceraboratory experiment.

gerous predominance in numbers of rained engineers. During a visit to Berlin, before the war, he found that there were 10,000 students of engineering over 18 years of age in the school at Charlottenburg, whereas in British universities at the same period there were only 300 of these students. The output of engineers, according to Engincering, was not one-tenth the German supply, and is to-day probably General opinion in Great Britain is eral account.

women had cast off hoopskirts and put will be required from its inhabitants. on "bustles," and walked with the Prussian militarism has killed the "Grecian bend." Another Old Times. dom from industrial care. The world will have to repair the havoc of the tions to come life without technical industry will be a crime. Hence, says Engineering, "we shall require all our training contemplates two innovations ability to diquidate the enormous debt One is a bureau of technology and the revelation to me, as I thought she was now being piled up, and careers must herefore be kept open to the talents."

not taken to increase output and efficiency of engineers. quire these branches may often in- think that it will.

ance of Hard Fact.

You or I can go into one of these agencles and put in an order for seats weeks rather on people that attend the theanaturally, in order to obtain reasonably ans and Scotch. good seats, they put their order in a

they want choice seats. The agencies claims. give. all their seats to these regular customers. There are no seats left on the market except those few held by the

The pie was invariably cold and A physician from this State, a Lieuten- and the other thing. He wants to see South African

cise, I would respectfully suggest that if that our friend from Akron may see his

the people alone. If we find that an agency has no seats for this or that par-

which younger men.

British Both pupils and ordinary apprentices are taken (without fee) and the more promising are placed in a special class to which facilities are given for acquiring varied knowledge and excapacity have other tasks. This policy is proving a sound business in-

This modern training should impress on the employer the paramount importance of good foremen. The value The causes of this state of things nality a foreman can increase output. tories are high, sometimes prohibitive.
This is particularly true of the aircraft factory it was found that the output attend to items of this kind will pay dustries. For this and other reasons for itself many times over. Good methods of training will also provide is frequently perfunctory, or the hours competent recruits for the shop staff and drawing office, and will be the salvation of the engineering trade. That this training is neglected will

be no surprise to those who have worked in laboratories and shops of technical firms. Much of this training in science and in the higher ranges of tainly significant of the application of panies unproductive. The results are The value of scientific research was exceedingly costly. For example, there lso pointed out in London by Prof. W. is the waste due to mistakes in the London in his lecture before the In-E. Daiby in his lecture before the Institution of Civil Engineers. He said that Germany at present had a danswing office. An incompetent drawing staff can cause immense losses that Germany at present had a danswing office. An incompetent drawing office his day of the said of the sa office blunders, like doctors' mistakes may be concealed in fact buried. The business man who grumbles at the level of the drawing office or labora tory expense account, and succeeds in reducing it. may easily fail to detect an increase of ten times the amoun costs. The difference between a good and a bad draughtsman, or between a good and a bad technician, is soon reflected in shop costs and in the gen

> There have been many conferences of late in England to remedy the defeets of training and opportunity. The success of the air service, of the antisubmarine operations, is acknowledged to be in a great measure affected by the lack of men technically instructed in engineering. Well known writers, and companies handling railways, aeronautics and motors, are trying to Government, or from the traditions of

The organization of engineering other a national school for Other opinions are that ruined indus-tries, when peace comes, will be the of the courses of instruction. Expertices. There should be a bureau where of the courses of instruction. Experorder of the day, if effective steps are consider it desirable that in its initia stages the proposed organization should Boys must be well grounded in finance. The credit of Governmen be free from the need of Governmen' mathematics, physics and chemistry, departments, it is added, never very and the old distrust of a university high, has suffered still more during education in these sciences must be the past three years. The new traingiven up. Some of the older firms ing should not be under Government which have yielded to this distrust control, but managed by engineering are now facing bankruptcy. It is firms. Certainly this is a wise decitrue that it is difficult to apply sion. With this new scheme of train theoretical studies and laboratory ex- ing will it be possible to settle the perience directly to practical problems, question of skilled engineers in favor It is also true that the attempt to ac- of the Allies? It is reasonable t

THE HIGH COST OF SEATS. theular show, then ask for the next bes Playgoer's Philosophical Accept- to our liking.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The sause of the high price for tickets for sertain plays is the law of supply and lemand. The established agencies, I beleve, contract for weeks ahead for so nany seats for this or that theatre.

Enter Mr. Soandso from Akron. He front in France are as follows: kingly dinner and decides he will take Australian in a show. He finds out that "High and Law" is the best show in town; naturally, he must see it. He goes to the ticket agency and is surprised when they tell him that there are no seats to be more difficult subject. The calculation transmitted below the calculation to the calcul had except those held by the scalpers, presented below is careful but unoff which they will not sell for less than \$5 clal. It is for all fronts:

these leeches would have been long ago exterminated.

The solution of this problem rests with a person, and what became of her

one, &c., until we find a show and seats

If all would practise this the leacher would be unable to find a market BROOKLYN, November 29. J. K M

ENGLISH AT THE FRONT A Table of Percentages Showing The

Fighting Representation. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir! Some in advance. The agencies do not rely on time ago I think there was published at transient trade for their business, but article in which was given a statemen of the percentage of English soldier tres regularly. These people have cer- fighting in France, and, as I remember. tain nights for going to the theatre, and it was exclusive of Australians, Canad

It is a favorite argument of the anti-English pro-German that there are actu-When a big show comes along all ally no Englishmen fighting, and I would these people want to see it, and of course like to have the figures to refute such H. R. L.

It is officially stated that the pro-

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portions of troops holding the But

agency get him his tickets at an exor- Both sets of figures are a complete

refutation of the favorite German lie Her Salling Was "The Sun's" First

Advertisement. To the Editor of The Sun -S(n)would like to ask some of these but

The agencies detest them, but in order experts if they remember the steam Commerce, Captain R. H. Fireh, w HENRY L. LANGINGTON

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